

Remarks:

Claims 1-4 stand rejected as being anticipated by Sleight. Sleight discloses a grip arrangement which has three stops (15) which protrude from the bat. The two stops which are the furthest up the length of the bat are on the same side of the bat and are very close to one another. A third stop is located on the opposite side of the bat. There is no suggestion in Sleight that it should be adapted to encourage a knocked knuckles grip as is the goal of the present invention. Nor is it possible that the Sleight stops could be used to do so. Thus, previously presented claims 3 and 4 and new claims 5-12 should now be in allowable form.

Because of this, we respectfully request that this application be allowed. If any issues remain that would prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned by telephone prior to issuing a subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,



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